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Bassano Farmers Favor Entering Wheat Pool

Local U. F. A. Appoints And Instructs Delegation to Convention. Favor Plan For Co-operative Elevators

Bassano farmers are in favor of the proposed wheat pool and at a meeting held on Saturday afternoon last, instructed their delegates to the annual convention which will be held in Edmonton this year, to support the proposal. John Clyne and Ben Plumer were appointed delegates with Harry Ward, and Phil Robinson, as alternates.

A. C. Weaver brought a concrete proposal for the local delegates to present and the motion decided to adopt it. Mr. Weaver's plan is to provide for the building of co-operative elevators at every logical point.

"Without such a system of elevators the wheat pool plan will never live," he declared. "How can we fight the enemy while using their elevators?" He said that the old line grain companies would spend millions to defeat the pool proposal and use every means in their power. Farmers who were members of the pool would find themselves discriminated against despite any law that might be on the statute books. They would be refused storage privileges and handicapped in every possible way.

Mr. Weaver was strong for the pool and declared that it was the only way for the farmer to protect their crop. Every line of big business is united to eliminate unnecessary expense he claimed and the profits made by the grain houses are rightfully the farmers'.

Mr. Weaver's Proposal
Mr. Weaver's plan was for the

Main Line of C. P. R. May Run Along Bassano-Swift Current Cut-off, Says Express Report

The Empress Express reports that the Canadian Pacific Railway is taking steps to divert the main line to run along the Bassano-Swift Current cutoff instead of through Medicine Hat. Experiments are said to have been made with regard to qualifications of the cutoff, and a medium sized engine was used in the tonnage tests. This engine hauled the same tonnage over the north line in seven hours less than the most powerful engine owned by the company made

the haul on the south line. The north line is built with the heavier steel and when improvements are carried out, will be in a better position to handle the heavier traffic. The Empress Express claims that three quarters of a million dollars have been appropriated to put the north line in shape to handle the main line traffic. Half a million will be spent to provide water for the locomotives. The cost for ballast, and to everyone who new her in the district.

The late Mrs. Bond was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Roy McDonald of Glenbrook, Glenary county, Ontario. Her death is the first break in the family of the late Mr. Bond.

A sad coincidence happened in that same day Mrs. Bond passed away, her brother in Ontario was married.

Miss Mary McDonald was born at Glenbrook in 1890 and spent her childhood and girlhood days in Glenary county.

She was a descendant of a pioneer family who settled and made famous that town.

In 1903 she went to Montreal to work and shortly afterward took up the vocation of nursing, graduating first in her class from the Western Ontario Normal School.

After two years, she returned to Glenbrook where she followed her chosen profession in that city, nursing in the homes of many of the most prominent people of the city.

In the spring of 1919 she came to Calgary and on April 26 was married to Arthur G. Bond. Since then she resided in Bassano.

The late Mrs. Bond was an active member of this community.

She was president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Catholic Girls' constituency secretary of the Bow Valley Women's Institute, and but a few years ago was elected president of the Bassano Women's Institute.

She was an efficient and popular

member of the local church, a good

mother and a good wife.

She was a member of the local

W.M.F. and a member of the

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C. P. Maken, Dairy Commissioner of Alberta, is of opinion that the present dairy production will reach twelve million pounds this year. Thus the record output of 1919 will be reached and may possibly ex-

ceed it. "The cattle," he says, "are worth as much now as they were in the spring, and the prices of all dairy products have been well maintained."

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Countess News

Miss Cecile Goss is here from Charlton, Quebec, visiting her sister, Mrs. Gaudet.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gamble, Bassano, and Elizabeth Chamberlin of Galt attended the reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Royal Burrows, Wednesday night.

Miss Smith of Duchess, was in the vicinity Thursday.

There will be a dance at the Bonny Brae School house on Jan. 14th. All are invited.

Crowfoot

Mrs. J. O. Reynolds and family returned to their farm and says Canada looks good to me.

Mr. Roy Newson made a business trip to Calgary this week-end.

The Crowfoot Farming Co have just finished unloading six cars of grain which looks like business again.

Mr. Arthur Guyatt has again returned to Calgary. It looks that Arthur believes in making hay when the sun shines even if it is in winter. Boys, sit up and take notice.

Mr. Kye Metheny left for Calgary for a week or so visiting friends.

Lathom

A Whist Drive was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bennett on the night of Jan. 7th. The drive was very exciting and Arthur Bennett waded through everything and won the men's first prize. He was presented with a beautiful burn pendant. Miss Barton, the school teacher won the ladies first prize, a very pretty was Stuart Sandford and Fred Bennett tied for the boys prize. After the drive refreshments were served. Everybody had a splendid time.

Miss Violet Bennett and her sister, Irene Bennett, left on Jan. 10th. Violet has returned to her studies at Garibaldi's College, Calgary, while her sister has gone to Victoria to continue her work as school teacher.

A few of the Lathom folks gave Mr. and Mrs. Powell a little surprise on the night of Jan. 9th.

Miss Mary Jones of Calgary was a visitor with Miss Ida Wursten of Lathom during the holidays.

Mr. John Curr has returned from his visit in the east.

Mr. Holgate has returned to the states. Dry land farming didn't seem to agree with him. Its too bad that Alberta's dry.

Eighteen of the presidents of the United States were at some time during their lives soldiers in active service.

RURAL LIFE IN ALBERTA

It is a present problem of statemanship not only to place but to keep men upon the land. Farming will always be a basic industry and the country will always be a nation if occupation is so uninviting that it fails to attract tillers of the soil. How Mr. Stewart of Alberta, has no faith in class movements and it is noteworthy that Hon. Mr. Drury, premier of Ontario, after a year's experience in government has reached the same conclusion. Rural and agricultural mutual dependence one upon the other and the aim of broad "futuromania" should be to bring about a realization of this fact.

Alberta is only in the process of making. It is a province of vast and varied resources, but it is untried, untried and disconsolate at present, times by a crop failure here or there, and by a slow development than prairie mind can well relate upon.

Mr. Stewart gave his audience a most interesting and informative assurance of Canadiana of the province of Alberta, recent aliens though many of them have been. In bread cases he tells us that west and east are one. - *Montreal Gazette.*

At the close of the meeting we

merely review the road we have travelled; we recall the success we have had, and we bring to mind the road to be traveled.

To some, bereavement, to others, the loss of those near and dear, to some a little home, long a cherished dream, has become a reality.

To some, it will be night easier circumstances of life, others, others it has brought increased worries.

What shall the year 1920 hold in store for each of us? Do we essay to read the journey ahead or do we prefer to "trust" God of every good and perfect gift?

Have we opened our hearts to Christ who has stood so long at the door and knocked? If any man hear his voice and open his door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me".

With any such attitude, an open ear of divine wisdom? How can any man refuse such a Comrade, Companion and Friend? A brother who will stick by others than a brother who comes from a kingdom who carries in over the rough places, smooths in our sorrows, reproves in our sins, our gladdens, comforts us on our "yesterdays", and who will not say to God in our hearts, "O, Lord, I believe; Then thou my unbelief." And then in the knowledge of our sin forgive us, "as a father in heaven can be not easy with fortitude in the unseen journey, cleaving to the good, despising the evil, ever harkening to the voice of divine wisdom. Let us open this new year to approach still closer to the Master, as we think as he thought, to go about "doing good, knowing that his delights are with the sons of men."

It is remarkable that God's lovingkindness is over all creation, we are told, "that God is Love". "That all men made under a canopy of love as broad as the blue sky above."

May 1920 bring to each of us a brighter day, a greater, a greater part of love for God, for the following, a realization of the truth as it is in Jesus, so that our spiritual happiness may abound.

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THE ASSESSMENT

Bassano is to undergo a thorough run with patience the race set before the assessor, plans not only a survey of the town's area and buildings, but the collection of data regarding the landmarks. In other words, it will be a census taking and assessment survey combined. The assessor information that will be important to the council in the course of the regulation of business. This may be a good as any as few are possessed of accurate information in this respect.

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The charge for DRY STORAGE is \$3.00 per month which includes dismantling, discharging, recharging and reassembling. The WET STORAGE costs \$1.50 per month, which means a constant trickle all winter, a weekly test being made.

Act now and you will have no regrets in the spring and no new battery to buy.

Yours truly,

ROY SMITH



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Children of Today Are the Parents and Citizens of Tomorrow. In Years to Come the Destinies of Canada Will Be in Their Hands.

My dear Boys and Girls:

By the time you read this letter you will have started on the New Year. I wish you all many of the good resolutions, Resolutions to be obedient, to control your temper, to do kindly actions to others, to remember that you are placed in this world for a purpose, not just to please yourselves. If you have done this and have invoked the aid of the Father in Heaven Who loves each one of us, the New Year for you will indeed be a bright and happy one.

How many of our readers keep a diary? I think it is a splendid thing for boys and girls to write down each day a summary of their doings. In after years you cannot imagine how interesting it will be to look back at the different dates and recall the things which do not seem so very important at the time, which may easily be forgotten, and which you will smile at as happy memories when you grow up.

As I write this letter to you the weather on the ground in Regina is the very much colder, but after all we must expect it to be cold in winter time and it is good for the people enjoy much better health when the weather is reasonable.

I have not received as many stories about your pets as I should have liked, and I am sure you all would be well kept it so indefinitely until enough girls and boys have written to me to make it possible to give a prize.

I am very anxious to hear from you all in time and take a real interest in your welfare.

If there is anything you would like to know and will write to me about it I shall be glad to tell you all about it.

Will you give me the information you need? I will not write any more just now, but shall look for many letters from you soon.

Affectionately,

AUNT BETTY.

MRS. SQUIRREL'S NUTS

Near the bottom of the nice tree in the forest was a large hole where Mrs. Squirrel and her family lived. It was a delightfully warm hole and they all slept there all night.

All the fall Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel had worked day after day gathering nuts for their winter store.

"Well, Mother Squirrel," said Mr. Squirrel one day, "I think we have enough nuts to last us all winter. Now we can rest a little."

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and have a good time." So they sat about among the tree tops and played and chattered as happy squirrels always do when the work is done.

These good times lasted until one fine day when the Squirrel family had gone visiting, a little boy carrying an empty sack came along. He had a sour, disappointed look on his face until he spied that hole in the tree and he began to pay into it. Of course he found the nuts and had started to fill his sack when the Squirrel family returned.

How Mr. Squirrel chattered and scolded:

"You do not belong to us, you silly chattering things," and he went right on filling his sack until he had filled every single nut.

"Please leave just a few little boy, or my whole family will starve this winter," begged Mr. Squirrel in despair. And Mrs. Squirrel and all the little Squirrel children begged too.

But the naughty boy just laughed and ran away with the nuts. Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel felt so badly about the loss of all their nuts that they sat down and cried.

While they were crying, a little boy and girl came along, each carrying a basket. They stopped and asked:

"Why, Buddy!" exclaimed the little girl. "I believe somebody has robbed their storeroom, and they'll never be able to gather enough now."

"I'm so sorry," said the squirrel family could not hear. The boy nodded his head eagerly and the children ran away.

There were so happy over the wonderful surprise they had planned for the Squirrel family.

The little girl opened her basket and Mr. Squirrel said that it was full of nuts. Then she took them out at the foot of the tree.

"These are Mr. Squirrel," she said. "My mother and father will take care of us."

Her little brother emptied his basket.

Mr. and Mrs. Squirrel were soon chattering again as hard as ever they could, but this time they were saying, "Thank you." He always walked upon his feet. And never fasted when he ate. When from a place he ran away.

These things Mr. Squirrel," she said. "As I told you, my mother and father will take care of us."

And when he ran, as I am told, He never stood still for young or old.

He never instructed by a cat,

One who had a new car, said to him, "I am a good man."

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vides both chairs and tables, for we can both sit and eat, and that is a great convenience. And after a little while disappears in the dark tunnel as silently as one of the shadows and is gone. We are not afraid to go into the tunnel, because we can come out at night, and the distant rumblings of a lion's roar or the hootings of the night birds. But we could not have come out at night when the sun is high, and we romp and play just like little jungle kittens. Some times we have to run and jump, and then we can sit in a circle and try to catch our tails, something of course, which can't be done, but then, it is great fun just to try. And sometimes we play at hide and seek, and sometimes we will sit along on our stomachs and spring on a leaf, and pretend it was an antelope or a zebra colt. And sometimes we would play leap frog over each other, and sometimes we would run races to see which one could get in the first. And while we would be having all kinds of fun, mother would appear as silently as the shadows, and we would all sit down and have a good meal. She would have a half grown buck slung over her shoulder, and this would be our supper. So we would sit about her, and lick our chops, and then we would be ready as well as hungry. With her teeth and claws she would tear the prey into pieces of size of pieces we could manage, and then we would eat the meat, and know it is considered good man's meat for tiger children to snar and growl while they are eating. There is nothing like learning good table manners when one is young, and then one never forgets it.

FOR TINY TOTS

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay; A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon; A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

Silence is the law of duty;

Speech is the law of liberty;

Both are necessary to man;

Tales of Our Own Country

SOME CHRONICLES OF THE DAYS OF THE WAR
PARTY AND THE BUFFALO
STORIES TOLD AROUND THE FIRES OF THE HUNTING
CAMPS OF BYGONE DAYS

Chronicles of The Royal North West Mounted Police

HORSE & CATTLE THIEVES
TROUBLESOME TO N.W.M.P.—WHITE AND RED MEN GUILTY—STEALING OF UNBRANDED ANIMALS—A CLEVER DETECTION BY A POLICEMAN.

Horse and cattle thieves have always been very troublesome to the North West Mounted Police, from the earliest days. Particularly on the American border their vigilance could never be relaxed. The temptation to "run" a bunch of stolen horses or cattle over the frontier was a very great one, the profits of the venture were so successful, were large, and there were always willing to take the chance that offered to make their fortunes.

In respect to horse thieving the horses have been pretty well divided between the white and the red men. In the "bad lands" of Montana, there has always existed a class of desperadoes to whom the horse thief's trade has been very fascinating. On both sides of the border the Indians and half breeds have been even more susceptible to the fascination. It may be added that such depredations on their neighbors have all the mighty sanction of tradition behind. In Indian warfare among tribes between which an hereditary enmity existed, the taking of each other's horses was a recognized form of reprisal. Blackfeet and Crows from time immemorial had waged such a war among themselves that the Indians were trained to horse stealing as an essential part of their education.

The advent of the North West Mounted Police, however, in the Territories, put a damper on this species of raiding, but it took many long and arduous years to bring about any real decrease in the evil. The Indian mind was slow to grasp the new doctrine preached, the more so because the law below the border was lax, and the red men were slow to recognize the earnest of the one with the east spirit of the one with the west spirit of the other.

The policy of the police was to hit hard and quickly. Where retribution followed swiftly upon the execution of the deed, the moral of the lesson was increased ten-fold. The following instance had a beneficial effect in the Maple Creek, N.W.M.P. Post to announce that a war party of Crows had stolen thirty-four horses from a certain ranch in Montana. On discovering the loss they at once followed up the Indian's trail and arrived at Fort Walsh a little in advance of the ranchers who had sent an escort to the Cypress Hills (a favorite hiding place) divided into three parties, each of which took a separate trail to their camp, which was about thirty miles from the fort.

In less than half an hour from the time the information was lodged, Sergeant Egan, with ten troopers was on the track of the thieves. When ten miles out he intercepted seven Indians with seventeen heads of horses. There were arrows sent to Fort Walsh.

Farther on, other Indians with stolen horses were caught up and dealt with in the same way and at the camp, the balance were received without any trouble. After their hunting with two horses each, their horses in the tedium of the theft the men belonging to the ranch from which the horses had been stolen were on their way back to Fort Walsh.

The men that had stolen horses and several sorrowful Crows were under lock and key in the Police guard room. The Indians were later sentenced to two years imprisonment each in the Manitoba penitentiary.

Apart from the stealing of horses which had been sent out on the trail and "lifted" thence by night or day that have been actually taken out of the corrals, a profitable form of theft was the seizure of "mavericks" or young horses. These, having been driven off, were eventually marked with a new brand which rendered identification very difficult. Many stock owners in Canada, principally in Alberta, suffered heavy losses in this direc-

tion. A gang of skilful thieves worked the game quite successfully for a long time and it was only through the cleverness of a N.W.M.P. officer that a stop was put to their practices.

For some time it had been suspected that the thieves were working in conjunction with some unscrupulous rancher. Their raids were timed so that it was clear they received special information as to the various stock owners' round ups, the movements of the Police, and so on. In order to get at the root of the matter Sergeant Egan, who had done good detective work of a similar kind before, was detailed to make a special investigation. Dressed in plain clothes he watched the country closely until his suspicions fell on a certain ranchman. The clue was slight, but he thought it might lead to something so he determined to follow it up.

On many occasions he appeared at the ranch looking much like many other "hobos" who drifted about more or less seeking employment.

"Got a job for me?" he inquired.

The rancher looked him over and presumably was impressed in his favor.

"What can you do?" he asked, "bronco busting?"

"No, I ain't great shakes on broncos. Not my line. I can cook a bit and do odd chores."

"Well, sling your bunk in that shed," said the other. "As it happens I want a feller for light work just now."

Egan was, therefore, taken on. He stopped at the ranch for four or five months, making himself useful through the winter and gaining the employer's confidence.

One morning in the spring the rancher asked him, "Do you think you can ride a bit now?"

Egan replied that he thought that he had had enough practice to be able to stick on pretty well.

"Very good," said the rancher, "come along with me; I've got a job for you."

A little later the two men were riding out to the hills and the sergeant felt that something was going to happen. Something was. In a corral, nicely sheltered from the wind, stood a bunch of "mavericks", a very nice lot altogether and certainly the property of some one else, for the sergeant knew the extent of the ranch and the names of the men who had asked him to follow his employer's instructions and assist in branding the animals. One by one they were roped and the branding started while the rancher's brand. After this had been done, the horses were herded together and they started homewards.

At a certain point the trail divided, one fork leading on to the ranch while the other led south to a place which was a Police post. When Egan came to this fork Egan steered the horses into the southern road.

"See here, what are you doing?" cried the rancher, "swinging 'em around you fool; that ain't out way."

"I guess it is," was the reply.

"Not it! That's the road to Twenty Mile. This other's our trail."

Then the sergeant turned in his saddle. "I know what I'm doing," he said. "We're going to the air the way. Of course as it spreads the amount of it in the air gets less and so insects or microbes can get within a certain distance and not suffer; but they'll get to the air and then they'll be killed. Everything we put in a drawer, therefore, to preserve clothes is volatile and so can protect the whole drawer."

Question: Farmer. Will the earth ever stop spinning?

Answer: Everyone knows quite well that the earth stops spinning or moving unless something stops it. A top would not stop spinning but for the resistance of the air. The question is do we have anything going on now, or anything that is likely to happen in the future which may stop the spinning of the earth. The reply is that the earth has been spinning for many, many ages, maybe past before it is shown; that perhaps the mere presence of the ether in space has some effect of resistance, and that in all probability the earth will, eventually, stop spinning some day.

"The Fatal Arrow"

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He doesn't seem a bit repentant, does he, as he stands there laughing fit to die and saying between breaths: "I did it with my little arrow; I cannot tell a lie." The fact is, he's dead to death; he shot a fatal arrow, and he knows it, and the young lady, if she thinks she will get over the wound, has another guess as she will find out. There's only one cure and she'll come to know what that is. When the man, the one man, tells her he can't live without her, and that she is the sweetest, most lovable creature in the world, oh, then the archer will hang gayly and so on, on his way and do some more execution.

NELL BRINKLEY.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS :-

Question: Farmer's Wife. How does camphor keep moths away?

Answer: Camphor, like most things which have a smell, is what we call volatile, that is, it gives off itself into the air in the form of a gas. It is a volatile volatile, which means to say it is an antiseptic which is very bad for the growth of microbes. Now most things that are poisonous to microbes are antiseptics to insects, and, as a rule, a power to any kind of life is a poison to all kinds of life. Camphor in large enough doses would kill a man. The camphor gives itself off into the air and it is a common experience that a drowning man would be. There is a little oxygen dissolved in water enough for fishes to run or breathe by; but this is not enough for a drowning man. People might say that but water is a very quick and good conductor of heat. So when a burning thing, or hot glowing thing, like a red hot iron, is put into water, it very rapidly loses a lot of heat to the water, and it is lowered to a temperature at which it cannot burn or glow as the case may be. When it is lowered to a temperature of carbon and hydrogen, each of which is very ready to combine with oxygen, that is to burn, when it is put into water it does this, and the light flares up because the kerosene begins to burn.

Question: What does material mean?

Answer: The word materialism although it has a very slightly different meaning, always means more or less the belief that matter is the all important thing and that mind is of less or no importance.

Even people who are anti-

materialists believe that

materialism is guilty of making

this great mistake in one way or

another; and the outward differ-

ence between wisdom and folly

is that the materialists

know that but whether he knows this is materialism to worship the thing rather than what it means or to care very much about forms and ceremonies, and to forget the meaning of the thing.

What shall it profit a man if he

shall gain the whole world and

lose his own soul?" or "What

shall a man give in exchange for

the world?" He also said, "The

life is more than meat, and the

body is more than raiment."

Question: Student. Why does kerosene go out in water but flare up?

Answer: Water is burned or oxidized hydrogen. Being already burned it can be burned no more. When a light is dipped in water it is deprived of the oxygen by which it is burning. A drowning man would be. There is a little oxygen dissolved in water enough for fishes to run or breathe by; but this is not enough for a drowning man. People might say that but water is a very quick and good conductor of heat. So when a burning thing, or hot glowing thing, like a red hot iron, is put into water, it very rapidly loses a lot of heat to the water, and it is lowered to a temperature at which it cannot burn or glow as the case may be. When it is lowered to a temperature of carbon and hydrogen, each of which is very ready to combine with oxygen, that is to burn, when it is put into water it does this, and the light flares up because the kerosene begins to burn.

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IS IT YOUR FAULT?

I wonder if it is your fault if your life is too hard. I have spoken before of the proud mother who was so anxious to have her child born in a hospital because she had this mania for dressing her children up. Her baby used to wear two or three clean frocks day by day, and looked very well. She also said, "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

Are you doing every task the

quickest and easiest way?

The PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW.

MR. TOM HOURIE

[Continued from last week]

Tom Hourie Carries Another Despatch for the General—Narrow

Escape of Capture by Riel's Scouts—A White Settler

Hides Him—Chased and Fired At

After delivering the despatch to Colonel Irvine at Prince Albert, Tom came back to Clark's Crossing where General Middleton was and I was with him. The General gave Tom another despatch and told him to take it to Prince Albert. On the way at McIntosh's farm, McIntosh, who had seen Riel's scouts pass here a little while ago? Tom said, "No." McIntosh said, "They will be back in a little." McIntosh put Tom's horse in the stable and locked the door. It was a log house and McIntosh hid Tom upstairs. McIntosh then went out from the house to the fence where he saw Riel's scouts coming riding back. So McIntosh went to the gate and talked to them. They said, "Has anybody been here?" McIntosh said, "No, I did not see anybody has been here." "Oh," they said, "we saw the track of a horse come in here. It came down here." "Oh," said McIntosh, "I did not see him pass." McIntosh was a white man but the half-breeds were friendly with him, and they were right on to Fish Creek where the main body of Riel's men were.

After the sun had set Tom told McIntosh he must go. McIntosh said, "They are all camped at Fish Creek right on the trail and they will wait for you as sure as anything." Tom says, "That's all right. I'll get there alright," and so he starts out in the dark on his horse, and makes across the prairie to the Red River trail that goes to Carlton. He travelled all night. He crossed the Red River trail, the old original trail from Fort Garry to Carlton, so that he got past the trail of Riel's scouts. But before he got through two of Riel's scouts saw Tom and gave chase. Fortunately Tom had a good fast horse of mine. I had it for a running horse, and it stood Tom in good stead that day. It was soft ground and the horses could not go very quick, but as soon as they got out of the soft ground Tom began to draw away and then they began to fire at him with rifles, but he got away safe. Tom said the bullets were flying close to him many a time. After he had shaken off the scouts Tom went right through to Prince Albert alright, and delivered his second despatch.

The story of Fish Creek and how Tom captured Riel must be reserved for some future occasion.

JOHN HAWKES.

SIR DONALD MANN AND HIS DUEL

Sir Donald Mann has the reputation of being what is known on the American continent as a "good sport."

On one occasion when he was in the heyday of his railway activities he made a trip to China to look at some railway building possibilities in the celestial country.

He is a noverse to a little game of cards when the occasion offers, and during the voyage on one of the Empress boats he got into rather a full poker game with some Chinese, with olive complexion and waxed mustaches, was consistently winning, and after a time Sir Donald came to the conclusion that the pilot of ships which he was managing by his hand was not coming to him through either lucky cards or good play. He watched him very carefully and detected him in the act of substituting cards.

With the downrightness for which he is famous Sir Donald had at once accused him of cheating. The Italian was greatly offended and so expressed himself.

The day after the arrival of the ship in China when Sir Donald was having breakfast in the hotel, he was waited upon by a most dandified Frenchman, who announced that he came to represent the aggrieved Italian, and demanded satisfaction for the insult which had been offered to his friend. At first Sir Donald did not quite catch the drift of the visitation, then he said in astonishment:

"Do I understand your suggestion to me is that I fight a duel with that whippersnapper?"

The Frenchman indicated that the Canadian's surprise was correct.

"All right," said Sir Donald, "I will fight him a duel, and I suppose, being the challenged party, I have the choice of weapons."

"Yes," said the Frenchman, "that is according to the code. What will you choose: pistols, rapiers or sabres?"

"Well," said Sir Donald, "I think I will choose the Canadian national weapon."

"That will be quite satisfactory," said the other, "and what is the Canadian national weapon?"

"I will use an axe," said Sir Donald, "tell the whippersnapper I will chop him to pieces, too."

IT IS SAID—

That it would add a new terror to life if there were many people whose sense of humor led them to put rat poison in a "friend's" sandwich, "as a practical joke." When the case came into court, the "practical joke" was mentioned, where a man extinguished the lights of a theatre staircase and, barred the gallery door just as the play was about to begin. In the struggle that followed, one person was killed and others injured.

That a shabbily dressed man of nearly eighty has been surprising the secretaries of London hospitals and institutions by coming in and saying he would like to make a receipt.

The search for coal substitutes is a thing in which

Even the Division of Mines

people were trying a "new fuel,"

compounded of charcoal dust and

and saying he would like to make a receipt.

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SUPPLEMENT TO

McKEE'S Sale Bulletin

on centre page of this issue

We would like to give you the details of the thousand and one bargain offerings at this sale and could use a whole newspaper, and not do justice to the goods. Enough that you can gather from the published items the extent of the reductions, and how you can save money by buying **McKEE'S MERCHANDISE** when this **SALE OPENS** on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th**.

\$25.00

in Cash Prizes for Boys and Girls. How many English words, proper names, excluded, can you compose from the letters in this phrase:

McKEE'S RIOT SALE

First Prize—\$15.00
Second Prize—\$7.00
Third Prize—\$3.00.

Entries close 10 a.m. on the morning of January 25. Leave your effort at McKee's store any time before then.

25c Ladies' Handkerchiefs 12½c

Fine lawn hemstitched and embroidered. Sale price 2 for 25c

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A cream colored Union Suit, high neck and long sleeves, 70 percent wool. Reg. \$5.25. Sale price \$3.95

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Ladies who are particular choose the Gossard to wear with their nice apparel. We have just opened up a new stock of these and you can get a Gossard Corset as low as \$3.00 at this sale. 25 percent off on all lines in corsets and brassieres.

Don't forget this sale only lasts for ten days. Make the most of this opportunity, and save money by anticipating your wants for months ahead.

Dominion Sales Company per W. H. Hyslop in charge.

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At schools and colleges in the United States, more than 6,000 students are taking a regulation artillery course.

Eleven of the presidents of the United States were at some time during their lives, soldiers in active service.

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Chemists are working to develop a flashes powder which will make the charge of artillery non-observable at night.

WANTED—Tenders for contract for double digging 500 acres new break ground, Majorville district, at commencement of spring. Applications close price per acre and apply to box 158, Bassano.

remain permanently in that country by request of the families of the men. More than 100 women are members.

WANTED—Woman to do general house work. Mrs. Stiles, Bassano, 1860.

Dressmaking—Mrs. Hollbrook and Mrs. Irwin. Phone 77 or address Bassano postoffice.

Local and Personal

C. Clarke of Majorville was in town for a few days.

Saturday sees McKee's stock off at a fraction of its value.

Bert Hoffman, of Calgary, visited his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Noblett this week.

The Union Bank staff spent a busy time last week, owing to a visitation by the bank auditor.

George H. Goodlham, Indian agent for the Blackfeet Indians, was married to Miss Mary Kenter, of Toronto, at Winnipeg last week.

Mr. McGehee of Calgary, was in town having been called here on account of the death of his sister the late Mrs. A. G. Bond.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Scott and son returned from Minto, Manitoba where they were called by the death of Dr. Scott's father.

Mrs. Bolton, of Bassano, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Bolton, of Duchess, spent a day in Calgary.

The Bassano Ideal of the U. P. A. had a very jolly time last Friday evening at the curling. On half when a pleasant social time was spent. Cards and dancing were the chief amusements.

Strathmore council is endeavoring to procure electricity for lighting purposes from Calgary.

A rank of Bassano curlers went to Brooks this week to participate in the bonspiel there.

Cricket was proven to be a tremendous success in Gleichen this year. The Call says that it has met with greater enthusiasm than any sport introduced into that town even although not more than a dozen ever played the game before.

J. Cee the local bootlegger, was again taken up in the toils and is now serving his time in the penitentiary in the Lethbridge jail. Corporal Wright laid a charge against him last week and A. G. Bond imposed a fine of \$150 and costs or four months in jail. The money was not forthcoming so he now abides in the penitentiary.

As for baseball, "The Mac" appears to be the checker players. The Bowdabbits gave them a terrible beating last week, the final figures from the auditor being 187 to 106. Jimmie Stinson was high bowler with a 72. The Teams: Macs, McLeans, McConnells, McChances, McKims, McKers, Routabouts, Fortier, Millroy, Currie, Holmes and Stinson.

It is almost a certainty (if the paradox is permissible), that Bassano will have a 24-hour electric service within a few weeks. R. A. Brown, owner of the plant, was over on Saturday and stated that the day service should be commenced soon, but just then he could not state arrangements with the G. P. R. are pending and the auxiliary plant will soon be in shape for operation.

You may be kicking yourself next spring that you didn't buy heavily at McKee's sale, 15th to 25th.

Legsone plays in Strathmore on Saturday next.

The band will be at the rink to dispense music on Friday night. There will be no extra charge for skaters.

The Girls Institute Club are holding a sale of cake and candy in the Ingram block from 3 to 6 on Saturday afternoon. Tea will be served.

The Annual Congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the church on Wednesday evening, the 19th inst. at 8 o'clock, when reports from the various organizations will be read and manners for the ensuing year elected. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

On Sunday, Jan. 16th, at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the Presbyterian Church. All members and friends of the congregation are urged to attend this service. The Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will meet at 10 a.m. owing to the above service. Public worship at 7:30 p.m. In the Sunday School and at the services morning and evening special offerings will be taken to help the Chilcotin Harvey Fund. There are 30 million destitute and dying; relief is urgently needed.

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GEORGE L. T. Jan. 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham, at the C.P.R., in the Mitchell, provincial treasurer, and member for Bow Valley, has communicated with Mr. Cole, requesting an appointment for

the farmers' committee and has received a reply from Mr. Cole stating that he is leaving for Mount Royal shortly where the matter of the proposed extension will be given the consideration, and that, on his return, he will immediately arrange for a meeting with the committee of farmers from the district.